Developmental and behavioral pediatricians assist in the development of treatment plans and may provide recommendations regarding therapies or educational services to help a child reach their full potential. In addition, when appropriate, the developmental pediatrician may provide medication to improve attention or address specific behavioral changes.

This specialty evaluates and counsels children and families with a wide range of developmental conditions including:

- Developmental delays, including language, fine, or gross motor challenges
- Developmental disabilities like Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), intellectual disability, and cerebral palsy
- Learning disabilities
- Externalizing disorders such as AD/HD and Oppositional Defiant Disorder
- Tics, Tourette syndrome, and other habit disorders
- Challenges with activities of daily living, including feeding, complicated toilet-training (enuresis and encopresis), and sleep

Although children may already receive services through Early Intervention or their public school district, school-based evaluations typically do not make medical diagnoses such as autism or attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). These diagnoses usually require evaluation by a medical provider, such as a developmental pediatrician.

Learn more, access resources, and request an appointment.